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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

I am now beginning a serious search for a youngster whom we can develop into a successor to Dr. C. A. Stuart, who for many years has been responsible for Bacteriology and Immunology in this department. We still have a place left vacant by the resignation of Dr. Milford Hatch last summer and Dr. Stuart will be definitely retired after June, 1959. We are, then, looking for two men, a bacteriologist and an immunologist.

This is, as you know, a Department of Biology. All who have taken the Ph.D. degree here have taken it in biology - the bacteriologists with, of course, a major in bacteriology. We would like, therefore, young men who are primarily interested in the biological rather than the practical aspects of their subject. I believe you will understand the kind of young man who would fit well into our general scheme of things.

While the level of the position is not a fixed one, we would prefer a man who could be brought in at the Assistant Professor level. The salary scale at Brown is in the process of adjustment so that I believe we could make a fairly attractive offer to the right man. While our scale will still be lower than that at many of the larger universities, the fact that we have in the Biology Department fourteen members under the age of forty and have had relatively little turnover would corroborate the statement that there are some compensating factors. Among others, these are a relatively light teaching program with good opportunity for research, not too large classes, an excellent class of undergraduate students, a good group of graduate students and an enthusiastic and congenial staff to work with.

I would appreciate any suggestion you may have to make.

Since this is a little apart from my own special field of interest, I am not as familiar as I should be with the places to look for good young men. If you have no one to suggest, can you tell me of others from whom I might seek help? You may be sure we are all eager to carry on what has been a traditional activity of this department in this field.

Sincerely yours,



J. Walter Wilson
Chairman
Department of Biology